

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Community Committee
Meeting date	10 June 2026
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GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for consideration by the committee.

2. Summary

2.1 The following grant applications have been received for consideration by the Committee:

Healthy Abingdon	£750.00
Fitzharrys School Association	£5000.00
Abingdon Town Band	£915.00
Abingdon Vale Swim Club	£500.00
Abingdon Concert Band	£600.00
Oxford Dialogue Society	£4500.00
30 th Abingdon Scouts	£525.94
One Planet Abingdon	£6,040.00
Friends of Abingdon	£2550.00
Total	£21,380.94

2.2 The application has been assessed against the council's objectives and a grant scoring sheet is provided with this report.

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2026-27 is £ **30,000**.

3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine these grant applications.

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

4.1 The objective being met is: 'To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.'

5. **Background**

5.1 The charity has previously been awarded grants by the town council as follows:

Healthy Abingdon
2021-2022
2022-2023
2023-2024
2024-2025

Fitzharrys School Association
None

Abingdon Town Band
2024-2025

Abingdon Vale Swim Club
None

Abingdon Concert Band
2019-2020
2021-2022

Oxford Dialogue Society
None

30th Abingdon Scouts
None

One Planet Abingdon
2023
2024
2025

Friends of Abingdon
2023
2024
2025

6. **Key information and options**

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6.1 Members are required to consider the grant application and choose one of the following options:

- (i) Award the grant requested in full;
- (ii) Award a partial amount of the grant requested;
- (iii) Refuse the grant request and confirm the reason for this decision;
- (iv) Request further information from the applicant and defer a decision to a future meeting.

6.2 The table below summarises the application:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for (score/grant applied for x 100)
Healthy Abingdon	Annual event promoting local organisations that support Abingdon residents' health and wellbeing.	£850.00	£750.00	6	$\frac{6}{750} \times 100 = 0.8$
Fitzharrys School Association	Seeking funding to go towards the resurfacing of the outdoor multi-use sports courts.	£85,137	£5,000	9	$\frac{9}{5000} \times 100 = 0.18$
Abingdon Town Band	Purchase a selection of German "Octoberfest" music. Purchase a light weight display board.	£1143.00	£915.00	11	$\frac{11}{915} \times 100 = 1.2$
Abingdon Vale Swim Club	AVSC seeks to purchase dedicated video recording and analysis equipment to help coaches give personalised feedback to swimmers and ensure compliance with Swim England safeguarding regulations.	£1000	£500	7	$\frac{7}{500} \times 100 = 1.4$
Abingdon Concert Band	Seeks new uniforms to celebrate 50 th anniversary.	£1000	£600	14	$\frac{14}{600} \times 100 = 2.3$
Oxford Dialogue Society	Deliver Life of a Chickpea project in Abingdon School's which will develop a stronger understanding of EDI and British	£6000	£4500	8	$\frac{8}{4500} \times 100 = 0.17$

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	values, contributing to a more inclusive and cohesive society.				
30th Abingdon Scout Group	Purchase new cooking equipment	£525.94	£525.94	11	$\frac{11}{525.94} \times 100 =$ <u>2.09</u>
One Planet Abingdon	Seeking funding to continue professional	£6,040	£6,040	16	$\frac{16}{6040} \times 100 =$ <u>0.2</u>
Friends of Abingdon	Funding to support with Heritage Open Days.	£3270	£2250	13	$\frac{13}{2250} \times 100 =$ <u>0.5</u>

6.3 The intention of calculating the **score to grant applied for** is to allow a comparison which considers both the financial request and the ways in which the project can meet the aims and objectives of the council. A higher score suggests that the grant offers better value for money than a lower scoring application.

7. Climate change/green implications

7.1 As part of the grant scoring process the green implications of each application are considered and are reflected in the final scorings.

8. Financial/budget implications

8.1 The budget for community grants for 2026-27 is £30,000 (406/4886), of which **£ 0.00** has been used this year. Any unspent element of the budget at the end of the civic year shall be transferred to the general fund and will not be available to fund any further community grants.

8.2 If the grant(s) is/are awarded in full the remaining community grant budget for this year would be **£11,169.06**.

9. HR implications

9.1 None.

10. Supporting papers and appendices

10.1 Application form

10.2 Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

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